

# Branches and Twigs

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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

## You Can Make a Difference

Our October 8<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting is dedicated to our Redlands branch membership. Here, we'll showcase all the ways we make a positive impact in our community. With committees that advance equity and education for women and girls, and interest groups that keep us active and engaged, we are stronger together.

Who will you invite to join us at this special branch meeting? Help empower your friends and co-workers: Invite them to join us and see why our AAUW Redlands branch is so special! An invitation you can easily distribute is attached to this month's newsletter email. Just forward the attachment, then follow-up with a phone call or text, to encourage their participation and membership.

### Why Join? AAUW: Empowering Women Since 1881

AAUW membership connects a powerful network of more than 170,000 people across the country who are passionate about building a fairer future.

### What does AAUW do?

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, and research.

### Membership Matters: Saturday, October 8th Branch Meeting

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### October Branch Meeting



### Roe vs. Wade: What's Next? The Medical, Ethical, Social, and Political Implications

Our October speaker is pediatrician and neurologist Dr. Mary Zupanc, who will share with us her perspective on the following questions: Can one really legislate a medical decision-making tree as complex as pregnancy? What if the pregnancy is going to end with a child who has severe abnormalities or a degenerative disorder? Aren't the effects of pregnancy on children profound whether the child has intellectual disabilities or is a "normal" adolescent, especially in cases of incest and rape? For the fathers, when does fatherhood begin? Should it not begin with conception? Fathers need to be held accountable, as does society. Are the appropriate safety nets in place for mothers, families, and children? Physicians have long been taught to "do no harm" (Hippocratic Oath), but now that they may be criminally prosecuted for their medical decisions, they face a troubled and uncertain future. For more about Dr. Zupanc, please see page 9.

*-Kathryn Brown*

### Prospective Members are Invited to our Oct 8th Branch Meeting!

Please email prospective members' names  
and contact information to

[membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

We'll use this for nametags and follow-up.

### October Branch Meeting

#### When

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**  
8:45 a.m.

*Explore Branch Programs,  
Community Action  
Projects, Committees, and  
Interest Groups*

9:30 a.m. Brunch

10:15 a.m. Program

#### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA Room**

#### Menu

Breakfast Buffet: Scrambled  
eggs, bacon, breakfast  
potatoes, fruit, muffins

#### Cost

Members: \$25

Prospective Members:

Complimentary

#### Reservations

Please call 909-362-4955 or  
email [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) by

Wednesday, September 28.

After September 28,  
reservations will be on a  
space-available basis.

*Reminder: A reservation  
made is a reservation paid.*

**Members and guests are  
always welcome at all  
branch meetings. There is  
no cost to attend the  
program. Chairs will be  
available.**

# AAUW Redlands October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 28 RESERVATION DEADLINE for Oct. 8 brunch Membership Meeting</b> <b>After Sept. 28, brunch reservations will be made on a space-available basis.</b>						
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2 6pm California Cuisine 1	3	4	5 1pm Bridge	6 6:30 DEI/Racial Justice	7	8 <u>8:45 am Branch Meeting</u>
9	10 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg.	11	12 <u>TBD Hiking</u> 6pm & 8pm Candidate Forums	13	14	15 <u>9am STEM Mtg.</u> 10am AAUW FUND Event
16 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	17 1pm Bridge	18	19 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	20 6:30pm AAUW Theater Benefit	21	22 <u>TBD Hiking</u> <u>9am Tech Trek Mtg</u> 10am AAUW FUND
23 1pm AAUW FUND Event	24	25 7pm Public Policy	26 1pm Bunko	27 1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	28	29 10am SEIBC
<b>AAUW Fund Event</b> Zoom (see page 7) 10/15 & 10/22 10 am-noon and 10/23 1pm-3pm  <b>AAUW Theater Benefit Fundraiser</b> 10/20 6:30pm reception & 8pm performance (see page 5) ~Kathryn Brown  <b>AAUW Candidate Forums</b> 10/12 6pm & 8pm (see page 4) ~Cassie MacDuff  <b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 10/10 6:30 pm Zoom ~Patricia Stubbs  <b>Bridge Groups</b> 3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm, ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist  <b>Bunko</b> 10/26 1pm ~Patty Ahearn  <b>California Cuisine and Conversation I</b> 10/2 6pm ~Kathy Toister  <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> 10/16 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn  <b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion / Racial Justice</b> 10/6 6:30pm Zoom ~Erica Wilson ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Donita Remington  <b>Hiking Our Hills &amp; Mountains</b> continued in column 2 USUALLY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday. Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list. ~Kathy Toister ~Erica Wilson				<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 10/19 : "6C's" Cut Clipping of Columns, Cartoons of Current Concerns" to share and discuss. Facilitator: Nelda Stuck Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Redlands. ~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller  <b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> 10/27 <i>Clark and Division</i> by Naomi Hirahara Seeking volunteers for all roles 1pm Live Session, 4pm Self facilitated Zoom session 7pm Live Session ~Amy Bisek ~Kathryn Brown ~Valarie Boone  <b>Public Policy</b> 10/25 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff  <b>Southeast Interbranch Council</b> (see page 6.) 10/29 10am ~Patty Ahearn  <b>STEM Initiatives</b> (see page 8.) <b>Redlands Conference: Wednesday, March 1, 2023</b> <b>Redlands STEM conference planning meeting</b> 10/15 9am at Kathryn Brown's home ~Kathryn Brown ~Pam Ford  <b>Pass Conference: Thursday, January 12, 2023</b> <b>Tech Trek planning meeting</b> 10/22 9am at Denise Westcott ~Denise Westcott ~Theresa Lantz		

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## **Membership Matters: Saturday, October 8th Branch Meeting**

This is the best time to come explore the mission of AAUW and what this dynamic branch has to offer. We'll overview each of our committees and interest groups so new members will see a wealth of ways they can participate and contribute. Prospective members at the October branch meeting receive a complementary brunch and a reduced price on their first year's national membership if they join that day.

### **Welcome to the AAUW Community!**

Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate degree (or equivalent, such as RN), a bachelor's degree, or a higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. AAUW members pay dues annually at three levels: national \$67, state \$20 and branch \$31 = \$118 for our 2022/23 dues. If a new member joins at this meeting, their first year's dues are reduced to \$84.50.

### **Please Make a Reservation**

Reservations for the Oct 8 Membership Meeting can be made at [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or 909-362-4955 by Wednesday, Sept 28, 2022. After Sept 28, reservations will be on a space-available basis.

### **For More Information**

More information about AAUW can be found at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). More information about our AAUW Redlands branch can be found at [redlands-ca.aauw.net](http://redlands-ca.aauw.net). Questions can be directed to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

*~Amy Bisek, Membership VP*



## **October 12th, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Casa Loma Room on University of Redlands campus**

The Public Policy Committee of the Redlands branch of the American Association of University Women, in partnership with the University of Redlands Political Science Department Public Policy

Program, will present back-to-back candidate forums at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Casa Loma Room on the U of R campus.

The first forum will feature candidates for Redlands City Council; it begins at 6 p.m.

The second forum will feature candidates for the two congressional seats representing Redlands; it begins at 8 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public.

All seven candidates for the three open council seats and all four candidates for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District seats have been invited.

The format will be the same as the candidate forum co-sponsored by AAUW and U of R in 2020 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> State Senate District race: A panel of three moderators will ask each of the candidates the same prepared questions in rotation, followed by as many questions submitted by audience members as time permits.

We look forward to these informative events that will allow Redlands' voters to hear from the candidates on issues that are important to them and their communities.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional Districts go beyond the borders of Redlands, and we welcome voters from those portions of San Bernardino, Highland, Rialto, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Rancho

*~Cassie MacDuff, Chair Public Policy Committee  
AAUW-Redlands*





## President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs

Dearest AAUW Members,

How fortunate our AAUW Redlands Branch to have our year, 2022-2023, start off with an amazing celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee. At our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, 108 members and guests enjoyed dinner and the program in the Casa Loma Room. Thanks to Sheron Bealer and her committee for a lovely, fun evening.

Our October Branch Meeting is our membership meeting, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Social starts at 8:45 a.m. If you know someone who was a member or someone you think would like to be a member, bring them along to see the happenings. (Please email prospective members' names and contact information to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org)). This is the meeting where the clubs, programs, and interest groups share information. You can sign up for the events you would like to participate and share in.

We have a new outreach for members who want to attend our Branch Meetings but can't get to the meetings on their own. Call me if you would like a ride to our events. It will be arranged.

Our annual Footlighters Event will be October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. The play we will be enjoying is *The Mousetrap*. The event is held at The Redlands Footlighters Theater on Barton Rd. We have the opportunity to include people outside of our membership, which is important to raise money and promote our Branch activities. Buy your tickets and sell tickets to your friends--great company, good wine, great treats, and always a spectacular play.

We held two STEM Conference committee meetings. The Conference held at the University of Redlands will be March 1, 2023, and the Pass STEM conference held at Mt. San Jacinto College will be January 12, 2023. Mark your calendars. If you know of anyone you believe would make a good speaker for the conferences, please contact Kathryn Brown. We will be looking for volunteers for both conferences at our Membership Meeting.

Our upcoming elections are more important than ever for women's causes. With the recent U.S. Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision, women are at risk of losing personal freedoms. AAUW co-sponsored a bill and Governor Newsom signed AB1666, which protects women coming into California from lawsuits originating in their home state. A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. This Amendment would prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, her right to choose. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment. VOTE and help others vote. Women are a powerful voice when we support each other. Check out the AAUW CA website: [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org). The Public Policy section will soon have more details on issues and candidates. More women vote than men. That's a fact. Voting is our most powerful tool to bring about changes!

Our world will change. That's a given. We want to influence the changes to be conducive to what we know will aide all families, especially women and children. Thank you for your efforts for AAUW and our future.

Warmest wishes for your health, family, and our future.

~Patricia Stubbs



**Branch Officers:** President: Patricia Stubbs, Presidents-elect: Heather Abushanab & Marilyn Shankar, Communications Vice President: Priya Vedula Engel, Hospitality Vice President: Eileen Sanborn, Membership Vice President: Amy Bisek, Program Vice President: Martha Lehman, Secretary: Marion Golson, Treasurer: Sue Ferguson  
**At-Large Board Members:** Rosemary Conway, Joyce Heitmeier, Sarah Van Tassel

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the November newsletter is **October 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

**Watch our September Branch Meeting**  
**on the AAUW Redlands Website** <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/> or  
**click on the YOUTUBE link** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfv0xC9dyUc>

## Membership Matters



Welcome to our newest member, Carole Nagengast. She has been a member of AAUW Riverside-Moreno Valley branch since she retired as professor of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico. Carole's major interests are human rights, public policy, and immigration. In June 2017, Carole spoke to the Redlands branch about Amnesty International.

**Carole Nagengast**



Welcome to our returning members Krista Moreno, Karen Skoog, and Deepika Srivastava.

**Krista Moreno**

**Karen Skoog**

**Deepika Srivastava**

...and apologies to Marcella for misspelling her name in the September 2022 newsletter

**Marcella Cavallaro**

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LADIES!

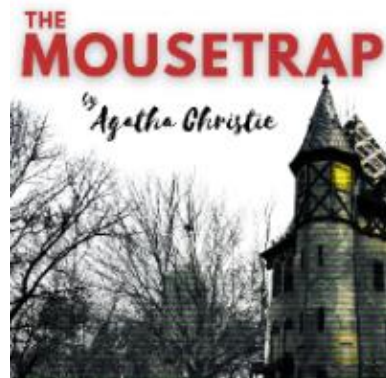
Kathy Albrektson  
Luann Bangsund  
Susan Bentley  
Valarie Boone  
Ellen Cope  
Amber Costa  
Suzanne Cranston  
Keller Iuppenlatz  
Joyce Katkov

Diane Landeros  
Deborah Seibly  
Diane Shimota  
Karen Skoog  
Patricia Stubbs  
Erica Wilson



## Catch *The Mousetrap* on October 20

Our annual Footlighters Theater Event on Thursday evening, October 20, at 6:30 PM, promises to be one of the most memorable ever, as our local thespians entertain us with the longest-running stage production in history: Agatha Christie's masterpiece, *The*



*Mousetrap*. After a local woman is murdered at Monkswell Manor, the guests and staff find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. Tensions and fears escalate when a second murder takes place, and it becomes clear that the killer is among them! This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time. Pre-performance, we will enjoy an outdoor wine-and-snacks reception. Tickets, at \$35 for the Reception & Performance or \$20 for those who have Footlighters season tickets, will be on sale at our October 8 branch meeting or may be purchased online on our AAUW Redlands website <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/footlighters-mousetrap-tickets/> or from Eventbrite. All proceeds from the event will be used to support our AAUW Redlands Branch Mission Fund as well as our many ongoing programs that improve the lives of women and girls. Questions? Contact Footlighters Event Chair Kathryn Brown.

## Wine, Please

The AAUW Fund Committee could use your help! Please consider donating a bottle of wine (or two) to be served at our annual Footlighters event, to be held this year on Thursday evening, October 20, at 6:30 PM. You may bring your wine donation to the ticket sale table at our October 8 branch meeting, or contact Kathryn Brown to make other arrangements.



**The  
BOUTIQUE!!!  
is Here!!!**

***Holiday*  
Craft Fair**

### ***“Believe in the Power of Education”***

The 2022-23 Holiday Boutique Scholarship Fundraiser will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Gather your extra vintage jewelry. We will have a vintage jewelry category in the boutique. Remember, your cast-offs might be a delight to a new owner. Clean out your jewelry box and take some new pieces home.

Please get in touch regarding your ideas and a description of the items you plan to contribute. Send email to or text/call.

Several people have agreed to organize, collect, and price items from the following areas:

GIFT/WINE BASKETS – Rosa Gomez

BAKED GOODS – Ann Harding

CANDLES – Pat Belk

HOME DÉCOR – Judy Adams

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS – TBA

VINTAGE JEWELRY – TBA

PLANT SALE – TBA



Feel free to contact individual organizers and volunteer to help. Everyone will welcome your ideas and contributions.

We need three coordinators for the above TBA categories, and we need one to manage the clean-up at the end of the meeting.

SET UP – Ann Leonard

CASHIER – Ann Harding

CLEAN UP – TBA

Several planning meetings will be held during September and October to be sure that we are ready for the sale.

**INVITE  
YOUR  
FRIENDS**

*~Judy Adams*

## **AAUW CA Interbranch Council October 29th, 10am**

The Southwest Interbranch Council includes the nine AAUW branches in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties: Big Bear, Diamond Bar-Walnut, Hemet San Jacinto, Ontario-Upland-Rancho, Palm Springs, Redlands, Riverside, Temecula Valley, and Victor Valley.

The SEIBC meets 3 times a year from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We begin with a speaker and end with each branch president giving a branch report on the activities and events that have taken place. The speaker at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting is Marsha Swails, AAUW CA Membership Director. Marcia will talk about the AAUW California Membership Growth Plan and Resource Packet.

As Chair again this year, I encourage you to attend the Southeast Interbranch Council meetings. This gives you a wonderful opportunity to go beyond our branch to see how other branches operate. Please contact me for the Zoom link

*~Patty Ahearn*

## **YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2022 Volunteers Needed**



For the last seventeen years AAUW has assisted the YMCA with their annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 4, 2022, to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. and 12:45- 4:45 p.m. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with their big fund raiser. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low income clients, primarily women. The program employs a very experienced attorney, Paula Salcido, who has a team with at least one paralegal and several paid and volunteer clerks, as well as volunteer attorneys, who together provide legal services. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that they brought over when they merged with the YMCA. Your gifts of time and energy make you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

*~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs*





Your AAUW-Redlands Public Policy Committee made it a project for the year 2021-22 to qualify our branch for 5-Star recognition from AAUW-National.

We are extremely pleased to let you know we succeeded. It wasn't easy. Stars are awarded in five categories – Advancement, Public Policy & Research, Governance & Sustainability, Programs, and Communications & External Relations. We were determined to fulfill the requirements in all five categories.

As chair, I felt sure our branch could easily qualify in the Program area because of our longstanding annual presentations of the STEM conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, SpeechTrek, and TechTrek.

However, with AAUW National's focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the year 2021-22, the requirement was added that at least two of our monthly programs needed a DEI focus. Fortunately, thanks to our Programs Committee, which had already scheduled all of the programs for the year, FOUR of the programs had DEI focuses. So AAUW-Redlands knocked that one out of the park.

Advancement (meaning fundraising) required we fulfill three of five criteria. Unfortunately, no one in our branch has made a Legacy Gift to AAUW, so that disqualified us for that criterion. We also were not sure we could meet the requirement of an average \$30 per member donation to the Greatest Needs Fund.

So we focused on retaining at least 90% of our membership (We did it!), increasing our branch contributions to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund by 25% (We did that!), and making a branch contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund in honor of AAUW's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary (We did that, too!).

We fulfilled the Public Policy criterion by having four committee members (Cassie MacDuff, Kathryn Brown, Patti Ahearn, and Tricia Stubbs) take part in AAUW-California Lobby Week, meeting virtually with three of our state legislators to advocate for Bills AAUW supported this year.

The Public Policy Committee also appointed a chair who collaborated with AAUW-CA Public Policy chairs (Cassie), and it hosted events at which members can sign up for the Action Network (on your table at each monthly meeting).

We fulfilled the Governance criterion by having a leadership succession plan, developing a strategic plan that aligns with National's, and appointing a Diversity Officer (Ellen Gruenbaum).

And we fulfilled the Communications criterion by AAUW-Redlands' website and social media having at least three posts with a DEI focus (Thank you Priya Vedula!)

Applications were due at the end of the 2021-22 year. When we heard back, we were disappointed to see we were awarded only three stars. So we appealed to National and asked what additional documentation they needed since we were sure we nailed all five.

The answer a few weeks later was a new email from National giving us all five stars--no additional documentation requested!

Please help us celebrate your AAUW-Redlands branch as a 5-Star winner, one of only 9 branches in California with that recognition!

By Cassie MacDuff, AAUW--Redlands Public Policy Committee chair

## The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our California Fellow and Grant Recipients



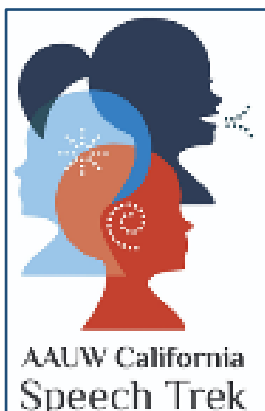
AAUW CA is scheduling four Zoom meetings featuring many of the recipients on the following dates: Saturday, October 15, Saturday, October 22, Sunday, October 23, and Saturday, November 12. You are welcome to register and attend any or all four events. Hearing from our awardees is such an inspiration and the personification of our mission. Recipients will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them. This is your chance to see where your AAUW Fund dollars go!

In the 2022-2023 academic year, AAUW has awarded over **\$6 million** to 320 women and community projects to improve the lives of women and girls. There are 49 Fellows and Grant recipients studying in California.

October 15: [https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event/?instance\\_id=1111](https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event/?instance_id=1111)

October 22: [https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event-2/?instance\\_id=1112](https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event-2/?instance_id=1112)

November 12: [https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event-4/?instance\\_id=1114](https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-california-fund-event-4/?instance_id=1114)



## Speech Trek: November 7, 4:00 p.m.

Our Redlands AAUW Branch Speech Trek for 2022-2023 will be on November 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. It will take place in the Contemporary Club located behind Smiley Library.

The topic this year is *"How can communities, organizations, and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights?"*

The speech is to be 5 to 6 minutes long. First place will receive \$300 dollars. Second place will receive \$200 dollars, and third place will receive \$100 dollars.

The event will take place in person this year. The winner will be entered into the state competition and have an opportunity to earn \$1500 dollars.

If you have questions, please email Patty Ahearn at or call.

## Redlands Branch STEM Initiatives

### 2023 STEM Conference Dates Set!



It is full speed ahead to prepare for our two 2023 STEM conferences for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The first—for the Beaumont and Banning girls—at Mount San Jacinto College (in San Jacinto)—is set for Thursday, January 12. The second—for the Redlands and Yucaipa girls—is at the University of Redlands and is on calendar for Wednesday, March 1. Our next organizational meeting for those interested in helping with both or either conference will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 15, at the home of committee co-chair Kathryn Brown. All those interested in learning more about what we will be doing to prepare and how you might join this fun and interesting committee are welcome to attend. The conferences entail many different tasks, and all kinds of skill sets are needed.

You need not be available to help in person on January 12 or March 1 to join the committee; we have plenty that needs to be accomplished before conference days! If you are interested but cannot attend the October 15 meeting, or have questions, please contact either co-chair: Pam Ford or Kathryn Brown.



### Want to get involved with Tech Trek 2023?

Stop by the STEM table at our October 8<sup>th</sup> Membership brunch meeting and find out what Tech Trek does and how you can help.

Plan to join the Tech Trek Committee at our first meeting of this year on Saturday, October 22nd, 9 a.m. at Denise Westcott's home: 1706 Brittney Rd. Beaumont, CA 92223. Enjoy donuts & coffee or tea while we greet new & potential members and plan for an exciting new Tech Trek camp in summer 2023.

As of now both Whittier College and UC, San Diego plan to host an on-campus STEM camp for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls from our area this summer. A virtual camp option will also be offered. Our committee selects girls from 4 schools in our district (Redlands, Beaumont, Banning, Yucaipa). Our cost for sending a girl to on-campus camp for a week is about \$1,000. Our goal this year is to send 4 girls from each school, or 16 campers. We have enough to cover 6 girls in our Tech Trek reserve funds, but we will need another \$10,000 in donations to meet our goal. You can help with your donations and by spreading information to other individuals and organizations about how they can help. Contact Denise Westcott or Theresa Lantz, AAUW Redlands, Tech Trek Committee Chairs, to find out how you can help.



## More about Dr. Mary Zupanc....

Dr. Zupanc is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the University of California-Irvine/CHOC-Children's Hospital. Until June 2021, she was also the Co-Medical Director of the CHOC Neuroscience Institute and the University of California-Irvine (UCI) Division Chief for Pediatric Neurology. She is board certified in pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics, as well as in pediatric neurology, clinical neurophysiology, and epilepsy by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. In January 2022, she moved to Madison, Wisconsin with her husband, David. She is planning to resume her medical career.

Dr. Zupanc has been recognized for her scholarship and contributions in the advancement of pediatric neurology/epilepsy, having published many articles in peer reviewed journals in her areas of clinical/translational research: infantile spasms, intractable epilepsy syndromes and appropriate treatments, as well as pediatric epilepsy surgery. She is also the author of 15 textbook chapters. Known for her excellence in teaching, she has given presentations at numerous national and international conferences. She has also been the recipient of numerous awards for teaching and clinical care throughout her career. Dr. Zupanc has always been a strong patient advocate, working on public health policy and the transition of pediatric patients with special needs to adult care.



Most recently, at the Child Neurology Society meeting in 2021, she was awarded the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award.

In addition to her academic work, Dr. Zupanc currently serves on the National Board of Directors for AAUW, a position she has held for over four years. She has also been a member of AAUW Public Policy Committee and is newly appointed as the board liaison to the AAUW Advancement Committee. She is the only medical physician on the AAUW BOD. As a member of the medical field, Dr. Zupanc brings a unique perspective to AAUW, especially with respect to health care policy. Dr. Zupanc has been a member of AAUW

for over 40 years. She is proud to have raised four daughters, all of whom have become accomplished professional women and strong advocates for women's rights and gender equity.



## 75th Anniversary Celebration September 6, 2022

Our event was held at the Casa Loma Room of the University of Redlands, our 75 year partner. The scripts were fun, fact-based, mixing U.S. history and AAUW Redlands with words and photos from the past 75 years. The goal was to focus on 15 year increments. The décor was stunning, black tablecloths with white waterfall napkins, pale pink roses on the table, and a small gift for each dinner guest made for a lovely setting. Several in attendance dressed up in styles from the past.

Of the 108 attending the event, 11 were Redlands USD trustees and administrators, Dean Martinez and his wife represented the University of Redlands, and 3 AAUW CA officers and directors, 2 officers from AAUW Temecula Valley, and 12 guests of Redlands branch members attended.

Thank all of you who were on the planning committee and the many branch members donated funds for the event.



~Sharon Bealer, Chair



## 75th Anniversary Celebration



*Special Recognition to Aleta West.*  
Aleta is AAUW Redlands' longest serving active member and shown above with her past president's pin.





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Notes from

**Donna Lilly** AAUW CA college/  
university partnership

and

**Marsha Swails** AAUW CA membership

September 8, 2022

**Sharon Bealer**

Past President, Redlands Branch

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Dear Sharon,

I am so thrilled that I was invited to your 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee. What a lovely evening and I was so impressed to see that your branch has such a rich and vibrant history. I shared with Sandi Gabe what a fabulous celebration you had. She was so happy that I could be there to represent the state board.

I am especially thrilled that I met Amy Bisek and Patty Ahean. I am hoping to be in touch with both of them about the successes your branch has had attracting and maintaining members. You have obvious deep connections with your community and I was inspired to learn of all the opportunities that they have provided you.

Please give my deepest gratitude to your board and to all the members who made the evening such a success.

Warmly,

**Marsha Swails**

AAUW California Board of Directors

9-9-2022

Dear Amy ~  
I truly enjoyed the AAUW Redlands 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala on Tuesday and know your contributions to the celebrations was tremendous. The evening is memorable & your branch members are really engaged with the community.  
Many thanks ~  
Donna Lilly

American Fellowships

Susan Washko



**Award Year:** 2022-23

**Award:** American Fellowship

**Institution:** University of Arizona

**Location:** Tucson, Arizona

**Discipline:** Earth, atmospheric, and marine sciences

**Degree and Specialization:** Ph.D., Aquatic Ecology

**Project Name:** Combining ecological passions: Aquatic invertebrates in Sonoran Desert rock pools and inclusive undergraduate field experiences

For her doctorate, Susan Washko investigates how drying shapes the aquatic invertebrate communities of desert rock pools and studies strategies those invertebrates employ to survive when the pools dry. Additionally, she works in undergraduate education to promote and design inclusive field experiences and teaching practices. In the future, she hopes to teach and do research at a primarily undergraduate institution to train the next generation of aquatic ecologists.

*Redlands Branch has three AAUW endowment funds and our funds contributed to the following:*

- \* American Fellowship for Susan Washko,*
- \* Career Development Grant for Chelsi Sparti*
- \* International Fellowship for Marwa Etsawy*

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